

22 Jan Update: Planned Truck Demonstration - Slowdown and Impacts Planned for Ottawa

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New information in bold.

The following relates to a planned demonstration in Ottawa on 28-29 Jan and we are sharing this with you for your Situational Awareness. Please note it is not in the Government Operations Centre's (GOC) mandate to monitor peaceful demonstrations however, this one has a potential to affect Critical Infrastructure (CI). The GOC will only be reporting if this meets our criteria for reporting.

Overview:

- Effective 15 Jan, COVID-19 vaccination became mandatory for all truckers entering Canada from the United States to avoid a two-week quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test before arrival.
- **Similarly, beginning on 22 Jan, U.S. DHS will require non-U.S. individuals seeking to enter the United States via land ports of entry and ferry terminals at the U.S.- Mexico and U.S.- Canada borders to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and provide related proof of vaccination, as COVID-19 cases continue to rise nationwide. These new restrictions will apply to non-U.S. individuals who are traveling for both essential and non-essential reasons. They will not apply to U.S. citizens, Lawful Permanent Residents, or U.S. nationals.** [Link](#)

Key Points:

- A number of Canadian truckers have planned a massive convoy with hopes of ending the mandatory vaccine mandate for truckers.
- Trucking convoys from across the country are planning to gather in Ottawa on 28-29 Jan to demonstrate against this requirement.
- **Members of the national group, Freedom Convoy 2022 are planning to conduct "slow roll" convoys at provincial and Canada/U.S. border crossing over the next two weekends. A spokesperson for the group indicates that such convoys will continue so long as government imposed COVID-19 mandates and restrictions continue.** [Link](#)
 - **The NB chapter of the group is planning one such convoy at the Woodstock, NB / Houlton, ME beginning at approximately 11:00 EST on 29 Jan and will continue for the majority of the day, with convoys on both sides of the border.**
 - **Additional convoys are planned at the NB/NS and several NB/QC borders on 29 Jan**
- On 23 Jan, a demonstration is planned outside Sarnia near the Canada's Border Crossing. The goal is to slow down traffic. This demonstration is planned to continue until the vaccine mandate is lifted.

- **According to Open Sources, Freedom Convoy 2022, has raised over \$1.4 million in fundraising in support of their cause.** [Link](#)

Assessment: (derived from information available on open sources) for the 28-29 Jan Demonstration in Ottawa:

- Trucking convoys driving slowly on highways could cause travel delays for commercial or personal vehicles on major highways.
- The trucking convoys gathering in Ottawa could severely impact the travel of commercial and personal vehicles within the City.
- Ottawa Police **and the RCMP** are aware.
- Since most government employees are working **remotely**, the disruption to government activities is expected to be minor.